

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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An apparatus and method for analyzing the performance of a system having at least one rotating member. Light is directed from a light source to intercept an encoded portion of ~~the transparent disks mounted to rotating mechanical members.~~ A portion of the light is transmitted from the encoded portions ~~of the rotating member.~~ The ~~transmitted portion of the light can be then to a detector where detected to recover~~ performance information maintained therein is detected/analyzed, ~~wherein the~~ The performance information contains performance characteristics of the system. A ~~mechanism for transmitting a portion of the light from the encoded portion of the rotating member is also provided.~~ A diffracted portion of the light can be detected to recover performance information. The light source can be configured as a vertical cavity surface emitting laser (VCSEL). The encoded portions of rotating members thereof may each comprise a dual layer bar code, wherein during operation the bar codes form a dual layer bar code through which light must pass. Images from a first encoded surface may interact with an image from a second encoded surface after the light beam is transmitted through the second rotating surface to produce Moiré fringes.